

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Prior to this amendment, claims 2-14 and 16-27 were pending in the application. Claims 13 and 14 are amended. No new matter is added by the amendments. No claims are added or canceled. Therefore, claims 2-14 and 16-27 are present for examination. Claims 13 and 16 are independent claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 2-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 13 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 13 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14 and 16-27 have not been requested in this Office Action. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14 and 16-27 are allowable. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due with this paper, however, should it be deemed otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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